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DEPT FOR ARA LABOR ADVISOR O'GRADY; EMBASSY AND USEC FOR LABOR
ATTACHE

1. LIVIO ROBERTO MASSAGATTI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE RECENTLY
INTERVENED UNITED MARITIME WORKERS UNION (SOMU) AND MARITIME
WORKERS FEDERATION (FAMAR) HAS CONFIDENTIALLY EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY
HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT ITF REPRESENTATIVE MEDARDO GOMERO
HAS NOT YET VISITED ARGENTINA TO INFORM HIMSELF ON THE SPOT OF THE
CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THESE INTERVENTIONS, NOR HAS THE ITF
REACHED IN ANY WAY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. AS WE HAVE REPORTED
EARLIER, THE OSTENSIBLE REASON GIVEN FOR THE INTERVENTION WAS
THE CABLE WHICH MASSAGATTI SENT ITF SECRETARY GENERAL BLYTH
DERECOGNIZING ENRIQUE VENTURINI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NAVAL
ELECTRICIANS' UNION, AS THE ARGENTINE WORKERS' DELEGATE
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TO THE 22ND SESSION OF THE ILO JOINT MARITIME COMMISSION,
ALTHOUGH IT IS LIKELY THAT OTHER REASONS ENTERED INTO THE DECISION
AS WELL. MASSAGATTI, WHO UNTIL THE INTERVENTION WAS A MEMBER OF
THE SO-CALLED "INTERGROUP COMMITTEE OF SEVEN" AIMED
AT PRESSURING THE GOVERNMENT INTO ACCELERATING THE PROCESS
OF TRADE UNION NORMALIZATION IN ARGENTINA (SEE PARA 3, BA
8024/76; HE HAS NOW BEEN REPLACED ON THE COMMITTEE BY GASTRONOMIC

WORKER LEADER RAMON ELORZA), HIMSELF PREFERS TO BELIEVE THAT THE INTERVENTION WAS A PREPARATORY STEP TO THE DEROGATION OF COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS DEEMED PREJUDICIAL BY THE STATE (SUCH AS THE LONG STANDING PRACTICE--SINCE CIRCA 1900--OF WORKER HIRING HALLS IN THE ARGENTINE MARITIME INDUSTRY). HOWEVER, MASSAGATTI HARBORS STRONG RESENT AGAINST VENTURINI, ALLEGING THAT THE LATTER WAS SECRETLY INFLUENTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT THE INTERVENTION--A CHARGE WHICH VENTURINI VEHEMENTLY DENIES.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' ADVICE IF THEY LEARN OF PROJECTED ITF VISIT TO ARGENTINA.
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